

# Viña Albali Gran Reserva de Familia

D.O. Valdepeñas / Red



Inspired by the clear, starry night sky, Félix Solís wanted to create a wine that would capture the pleasure-loving, life-affirming spirit of the Spanish people. He named it *Albali* after a star in the constellation of Aquarius.

Viña Albali Gran Reserva de Familia is created using the very best grapes from exceptional vintages from our own estates. The grapes for the limited edition wine are handpicked at night to avoid high temperatures.

## GRAPE

85% Tempranillo and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

## STYLE

Still wine

## REGION

Valdepeñas takes its name from the ancient city of the same name that lies in a sun-baked river valley dotted with small rocky formations – Val de peñas (Valley of Rocks). Located south of Castile-La Mancha in central Spain, it is almost completely encircled by the La Mancha Denominación de Origen (D.O.) and borders Andalusia to the south. The climate is extreme – temperatures reach 40 °C in summer and up to -10 °C in winter. The future of the D.O. lies with its red wines made from Tempranillo, which has the capacity to age well in crianzas, reserves and gran reserves.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine has outstanding complexity, influenced by its long ageing, with light aromas of leather, cocoa and spices. On the palate it maintains a perfect tannic balance that promises good ageing potential. The flavours depict rich mature red fruits (cranberry and raspberry), vanilla and oak. It is powerful and very tasty with a pleasant bouquet and a long finish.

## FOOD PAIRING

Best suited to red meats, stews, game and mature cheeses.

## ALCOHOL CONTENT

13°

## BEST SERVED

Between 18-20° C. We recommend opening the wine at least half hour before serving or decanting to enjoy its full potential.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Harvested by hand at night during mid-September when the grapes are at their optimum. The typical characteristics of the Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are captured throughout the fermentation and ageing. Depending on the vintage, the wine is finished in American oak for an average of at least 24 months. Ageing is completed in the bottle.

## ABOUT THIS WINE

"94 Excellent, Highly Recommended: Blood red color is nearly opaque. The nose is acutely peppery, pruny, raisiny, tannic, leathery, even a little pipe tobacco-like, but alluring and dense. Taste profile is toasted, roasted, beany, oak, vanilla-like, forest floor-like, concentrated. Concludes extra long, silky, viscous, peppery." Viña Albali Gran Reserva de Familia 2008

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"Rating 91/100. Mature ruby. Very good nose showing spice and refined fruit notes with elegant oak. Very well-balanced, classically styled with a forceful attack showing toast notes, fruit and rich acidity. Excellent." Viña Albali Gran Reserva de Familia 2008

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